

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on Page 1, lines 4 - 10 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

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-- The present invention is related to U. S. Patent _____, titled "Machine-Oriented Extensible Document Representation and Interchange Notation" (serial number 09/____); referred 09/652,056, referred to herein as the "first related invention", and U. S. Patent _____, titled "Array-Based Extensible Document Storage Format" (serial number 09/____); referred 09/652,296, referred to herein as the "second related invention", both of which were filed concurrently herewith. These related inventions are commonly assigned to International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), and are hereby incorporated herein by reference. --

Please replace the paragraph that begins on Page 3, line 12 and carries over to Page 4, line 4 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- The syntax of XML is extensible and flexible, and allows document developers to create tags to convey an explicit nested tree document structure (where the structure is determined from the relationship among the tags in a particular document). Furthermore, document developers can define their own tags which may have application-specific semantics. Because of this extensibility, XML documents may be used to specify many different types of information, for use in a virtually unlimited number of contexts. It is this extensibility and flexibility which is, in large part, responsible for the popularity of XML. (A number of XML derivative notations have been defined, and continue to be defined, for particular purposes. "VoiceXML" is an example of one such derivative. References herein to "XML" are intended to

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